

## State Water Resources Control Board

### GROUNDWATER QUALITY FUNDING SCOPING QUESTIONS: SB 455 SITE CLEANUP SUBACCOUNT

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1. What type of projects should be given higher priority?

*What the law says: "...issue grants pursuant to this section for the reasonable and necessary costs of actions to remediate the harm or threat of harm to human health, safety, and the environment caused by existing or threatened surface or groundwater contamination..."*

- A. Of the considerations required in evaluating projects, should some be weighted more than others?

*What the law says: "...the board shall consider all of the following factors when awarding grants:*

- (1) The degree to which human health, safety, and the environment are threatened by surface water or groundwater contamination at the location.*
- (2) Whether the location is located in a small or financially disadvantaged community.*
- (3) The cost and potential environmental benefit of the investigation or cleanup.*
- (4) Whether there are other potential sources of funding for the investigation or cleanup.*
- (5) Any other information the board identifies as necessary for consideration."*

- B. Should projects that address certain contaminants be given higher priority than others?

*What the law says: Not explicitly discussed in SB 445. "...remediate the harm or threat of harm to human health, safety, and the environment caused by existing or threatened surface or groundwater contamination..."*

- C. Should projects that propose short-term solutions, whether due to emergency or non-emergency; ongoing operations and maintenance; or permanent solutions be prioritized differently?

*What the law says: Not explicitly discussed in SB 445. However, projects that propose solutions that are short-term or require ongoing operation and maintenance may need special consideration due to potential need for funding after the grant has terminated.*

- D. Should the timing of project completion compared with the timeline for project benefits be prioritized differently?

*What the law says: Not explicitly discussed in SB 445.*

2. What kind of limits should there be on grant funding amounts?

*What the law says: ...There are no funding limits specified.*

3. What kind of technical assistance is needed?

*What the law says: ... There is no SCAP funding available for technical assistance. Prop 1 Groundwater Sustainability may be able to provide funding for technical assistance on SCAP grant application and other technical assistance.*

4. The responsible parties' lack of sufficient financial resources to pay for the required response action is a grant requirement. How should grant applicants demonstrate the responsible parties' lack of resources?

*What the law says: "...The responsible parties lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the required response actions."*